

MARICOPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTE BOOK

**SPECIAL SESSION
July 11, 2007**

The Board of Supervisors of Maricopa County, Arizona convened in Special Session at 3:05 p.m., July 11, 2007, in the Tom Sullivan Conference Room, 301 W. Jefferson, Phoenix, Arizona, with the following members attending telephonically: Fulton Brock, Chairman, District 1; Andy Kunasek, Vice Chairman, District 3, Don Stapley, District 2, and Max W. Wilson, District 4. Absent: Mary Rose Wilcox, District 5. Also present: Lupe Lerma, Assistant Deputy Clerk of the Board; Sandi Wilson, Deputy County Manager; and Christopher Keller, Chief Counsel, Civil Division. Votes of the Members will be recorded as follows: aye-no-absent-abstain.

No Supervisors were present. The Assistant Deputy Clerk confirmed the telephonic attendance of Supervisors Stapley, Kunasek, Wilson and Chairman Brock. Supervisor Wilcox was absent. Chiefs of Staff Latta, Bloom and Isham were present.

APPOINTMENTS

Item: Approve the following appointments as Special Deputy County Attorneys; William French, Adam Polson, Michael Robert Somers, and Dennis Wilenchik. (ADM410)

Chris Keller, Chief Counsel, expressed his appreciation to Board members for meeting on such short notice. He offered an explanation for the item before the Board by stating that the County Attorney's Office is unable to advise the Sheriff's Office related to this matter as the County Attorney's office has a conflict with this matter. Mr. Keller further explained that this criminal matter was being assigned to outside counsel who will represent Maricopa County as Special Prosecutors. Mr. Keller stated that normally, the County Attorney's Office would refer conflicted matters to a neighboring jurisdiction; however, those entities have expressed concerns specifically with staffing issues. For this reason, the Board is being asked to approve the appointments before them today.

Supervisor Wilson asked whether there are any concerns with this request.

Supervisor Stapley supports the approval of these appointments. He said that he had personally spoken with County Attorney Andrew Thomas about this matter. Supervisor Stapley explained that this is an unusual case and situation that warrants the appointments of these Special Prosecutors.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Brock called for a motion.

Motion was made by Supervisor Stapley, seconded by Supervisor Wilson, and unanimously carried (4-0-0-1) to approve the following appointments as Special Deputy County Attorneys; William French, Adam Polson, Michael Robert Somers, and Dennis Wilenchik.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

Fulton Brock, Chairman of the Board

Lupe Lerma, Assistant Deputy Clerk of the Board